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Re: US Patent Application
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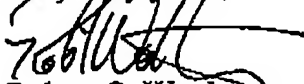
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Dear Examiner Patel:

Thank you for your call today regarding the above identified patent application. This confirms that we filed the attached Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003. The Amendment was filed on November 19, 2003. Enclosed is a copy of the postal receipt confirming that the Amendment was deposited with the U.S. Post Office on November 19, 2003. Also attached is a copy of the return postcard from the US Patent Office indicating that the Amendment was received and date stamped for November 19, 2003. This patent application is not intended to be abandoned.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Robert G. Woolston

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HARI S. PALLAPOTHU

APPLICATION No.: 10/065,234

FILED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

FOR: SELF-SEALING GROMMET ASSEMBLY

EXAMINER: D. PATEL

ART UNIT: 2831

CONF. No: 9435

Transmittal of Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
- ☐ Petition for -Month Extension of Time
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
- ☐ Sequence Listing printout, floppy diskette, matching declaration
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 (modified),
References
- ☐ Check in the amount of \$

2. Entity Status

- ☐ Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27) has been established by a previously submitted Small Entity Statement.

3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time, if necessary, for timely submission of this transmittal and enclosures.

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4. Fee Calculation and Payment

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5. Provisional Fee Authorization

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Respectfully submitted,
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Date: 11/19/03



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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.